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## **Reps. Vorpapel and Katsma Honor Hometown Hero**

*Roy Pirrung honored as an advocate for healthy living in the community*

**MADISON-** Today Representative Terry Katsma (R-Oostburg) and Representative Tyler Vorpapel (R-Plymouth), on behalf of the Wisconsin State Assembly, honored Roy Pirrung of Plymouth as a Hometown Hero. Roy is a community advocate for wellness and healthy living; he is a runner, a race director, a volunteer, a veteran and a coach.

Following the presentation of the award to Roy, Representative Katsma stated, “It was an honor to present Roy with this award today. He has encouraged and inspired both his community and people across the country and world to strive to their highest potential; he is most deserving of this award”.

Representative Vorpapel added, “It was a great honor for me to welcome Roy to the Capitol and to present him with the State Assembly’s Hometown Hero Award. Roy has been a pillar of excellence through both his community contributions and his phenomenal athletic achievements.”

Roy has singlehandedly raised thousands of dollars for charities and has helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars as co-chair of the Road America Run-Walk for the American Cancer Society. He is a decorated combat veteran, a coach for the Special Olympics, and is a supporter of Meals on Wheels, Nourish Farms, and the Sheboygan County Food Bank.

Additionally, Roy is an accomplished athlete. He has run in over 20 countries on 5 continents. He has completed over 1,000 races and ran over 100,000 lifetime miles, including 150 marathons and 206 ultra-marathons. Roy has broken over 50 national records, earned 84 national titles, made 10 World Age Best Performances and set 3 Guinness World Records. He also broke the course record for his age group during the marathon leg of the Ironman Triathlon World Championships in Kona, Hawaii. He is the 14<sup>th</sup> person to be inducted into the American Ultrarunning Association Hall of Fame.

The Assembly Hometown Hero program seeks to identify and recognize citizens of Wisconsin that strive to make a positive impact on their community.

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